

THE TIMES.

ROANOKE, VA., JANUARY 6, 1893.

HINTS TO COUNCIL.

Chapter III, section 16, charter Roanoke city: The mayor shall appoint for his term of office from the qualified voters of the city of Roanoke three persons, subject to the approval of Council, who shall constitute and be known as the Board of Public Works. Council shall choose one of the members of said board, which shall have the duty of supervising all matters involving work on public improvements approved and ordered by Council, of every character, and the proper execution of the work as authorized, and no accounts for said work shall be paid unless approved by them, their salaries to be fixed by the mayor and approved by the Council. The mayor shall take from such officers a bond or bonds, with surety to be approved by the Council, in such penalty as he and they may deem proper, with conditions for the faithful performance of said duty.

Chapter IV, Section 14, City Engineer.—First. The City Engineer shall make field notes of all work performed by him for the city and for private individuals within the city limits, and the same shall be kept in his office for reference and turned over to his successor.

Second. The City Engineer shall devote his entire time and attention to the service of the city in surveying the streets, alleys, lanes, and highways thereof, furnishing regulations for buildings, and make all necessary plans, drafts or maps which may be required for the use of the city for highways, paving, surveying or building. All instruments, paper and other material necessary for the equipment and supply of his office shall be furnished by the city, and all maps, drafts or plans made by the city engineer for the purpose aforesaid, and intended for preservation, shall be executed upon sheets of good draft paper, and shall, as far as practicable, be all of a uniform size, and the same shall be the property of the city and be bound in book form, and be kept among the archives of the city for the use of the Council and the various officers of the city government and the inspection of the citizens, and shall do and perform any other service that may be required by resolution or ordinance.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

No more magnificent scheme has ever occupied the mind of man than that of the Nicaragua canal.

The saving of ten thousand miles to those engaged in ocean traffic means more than the average mind can grasp, is a fact the significance of which can only be appreciated by those who estimate time as money and compute the economies embraced within the loss or gain of an hour. This class of business men, however, is increasing, and hence we recognize a greater promise in the Nicaragua enterprise than in any like project ever before presented.

The Panama canal project has been but the shadow of coming events. The present unfortunate complications arising out of that enterprise simply serve as a means of attracting attention to the more legitimate undertaking, and the world of ocean transportation is looking to Nicaragua alone as the means of deliverance from weary months of unnecessary sailing.

Again, those in charge of this great undertaking are men known to us all as practical business men and men of undoubted integrity.

Then, too, there seems to be a popular sentiment in favor of the United States Government patronizing the enterprise and should this be done then would be assured the early completion of this great work.

There have been already expended on the Nicaragua canal construction about six millions of dollars. A splendid harbor has been established on the Atlantic at Greytown with the necessary jetties, deep water and lighthouses, and the work is now being vigorously promoted in every department. There are only about twenty-six miles of canal to construct, the remaining distance being divided between the basin, twenty-one miles; River San Juan, 64 miles, and Lake Nicaragua, 56 miles, giving a total distance of nearly 170 miles from ocean to ocean. There are six locks, three at each end, and the greatest lift of lock is 45 feet. The time of transit is twenty-eight hours from ocean to ocean.

Lake Nicaragua, with its one hundred and ten miles of length and forty miles average width, has a watershed of eight thousand square miles, capable of sustaining a very large population, owing to its wonderful fertility and especially its productiveness in tropical fruits. The natives are contented and peaceful, the women beautiful and the men chivalrous. There is a misapprehension as to the healthfulness of this part of Central America, for although one may suffer temporarily in becoming acclimated, yet the average health record will compare favorably with other countries.

The estimated cost of the canal is one hundred million dollars, and the time thought necessary to its completion six years. When completed it is calculated that over five million tons of traffic per year will be carried through the canal and the ocean carrying trade of the world revolutionized.

Here is presented the opportunity of the United States, as a government, to forever insure the supremacy of our shipping, re-establish our flag upon the high seas and control the strategic point of the earth's surface.

Here is presented the only remaining paradise of the "Boomer," and such a one as would please even the author of "Boon Fizz." Here, within the next five or seven years will colossal fortunes be made and perhaps a few be lost, but opportunities exist along the way of this great work which will not a year again for a generation.

The spirit of enterprise and adventure predominant in the American breast will lead many a brave man to this Eldorado.

AN ASSEMBLY ROOM.

The new jail is in use, and, after all, may prove fairly serviceable. Justice Turner's office is front of an extremely judicial appearance. The room at the left of the main entrance ought to be used for an assembly room for the police, instead of for the mayor. It is suitable for an assembly room, but decidedly unsuitable for a mayor's office. The mayor could be better served with a room in the court house.

The police are at all times entitled to careful consideration. The city should respect them if it wishes them to respect themselves and their position. Give them an assembly room, some place that they can call their own.

AMNESTY TO THE MORMONS.

President Harrison's act granting amnesty to Mormon polygamists will be generally commended. The ones who have been punished and imprisoned have been the scapegoats of their leaders and not the leaders themselves.

Polygamy has been thoroughly crushed. The Mormon Church has declared that polygamy is dead. There has not been a plural marriage in Utah in two years, and the tendency of even Mormon sentiment has turned toward a healthier view of marriage.

Yet it was not the weight of Federal interference alone which killed polygamy. A more weighty influence was the incoming of a sturdy pioneer population which would have none of it. Among the younger Mormons, too, the institution had become distasteful. A young woman growing up in a polygamist society, yet near enough to the influences of the outer world, envied her more fortunate sister who stood alone in her affections of her husband, and became a center of revolt against a repugnant institution.

Verily, the forces of education, public sentiment and of progress are more powerful than all laws and legislatures.

A HORRIBLE DEATH.

Marshall Drewry, of Vinton, Killed While Working at Bonsack.

Marshall Drewry, assistant miller in the flour mills of Kirby & Thomas at Bonsack, about noon yesterday met with a horrible death. While sweeping the floor his clothing caught in a belt and he was horribly mangled by being wrapped around an upright shafting. His head was entirely severed from his body by striking against adjacent posts, and his legs and arms were broken.

The deceased was born in Bedford county and was 31 years of age. The remains were brought in the afternoon to Vinton, where his aged father and mother reside, both of whom are prostrated with grief. The remains will be interred to-day in the Vinton Cemetery.

The Telegraphers Acknowledge Defeat.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 5.—The striking telegraphers on the Rock Island road have thrown up their hands and admitted that they are thoroughly beaten in the fight. The strike was officially declared off by Past Grand Chief Thurston, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, at 10 o'clock to-day. The Rock Island officials say that no competent man will be discharged to make room for the return of any striker, and at present the positions on the road are all filled. Before any of them are taken back they will have to renounce their allegiance to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and promise to have nothing to do with it in the future. The Rock Island will not hereafter give employment to any member of that order or retain such in its service.

Four of the Men Will Probably Die.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Four of the twenty firemen burned by the natural gas explosion at Donohue & Penneberry's building yesterday will probably die from their injuries. They are: J. C. Sain, lieutenant of the fire insurance patrol; Chas. Syffertick, captain of the hook and ladder; Nicholas Noladin, fire insurance patrol; Thomas Nevans, pipe-fitter. The hasty examination by the physicians on the scene of the disaster failed to discover the serious condition of the men, and not until they were taken to their homes was it made known.

The Telegraphers Again Victorious.

LYNCHBURG, Jan. 5.—(Special)—The telegraphers of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad came to a satisfactory agreement with the Chesapeake and Ohio officials on January 4 and receive an average increase of five dollars per month. This is the second increase granted the telegraphers on that line in the last three months.

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A Bridal Couple Tendered a Reception.

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A Big Fire in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5.—A big fire is raging on Pennsylvania avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets. The Westinghouse machine shops, Keech's furniture house and a tobacco manufactory, all large buildings, are burning, and the flames are still spreading. The loss will be heavy.

Old papers for the next week at 10 cents per hundred.

NO WONDER THEY DIED.

A Terrible Condition of Affairs at the Helena Convict Camp.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Surgeon General Wyman, of the marine hospital service, received the following telegram from Surgeon Williams, who was sent from Memphis to Helena, Ark., to investigate the cause and character of the disease which recently broke out amongst the convicts in the State prison:

"Have examined the condition of the city and convict camps. The surface drainage of the city is by open stagnant ditches and the streets are quagmires; no sewerage vault system; contents emptied to the river below the city. Water supply partly artesian, partly cisterns and surface wells. The convict camp is located in a quagmire just below the city. It consists of a passenger coach and five box cars.

"Eighteen men are housed in one box car. There is no ventilation to speak of; the air is filthy and the sewerage disposed of by a wooden hopper let into the floor on one corner with a pit beneath. Very filthy sewerage is dumped into a ditch near by. The food is very coarse—no fresh meat. Water is obtained from a river near the camp. Two slaughter pens; very offensive, containing an immense amount of decomposing offals, are within 200 yards of the camp. The slaughter pens and camp are subject to an overflow. I believe the ground at the camp to be saturated with the products of animal decomposition.

"Three cases at the camp are not suspicious. The cases occurred on the 18th. The medical attendants gave a history of acute gastro enteritis, with choleraform symptoms. In my opinion the suspicious cases are due to either poisoned food or contaminated water, plus filth and overcrowding—probably the latter. The stomach of one case is in the possession of the coroner."

ANOTHER ARREST MADE.

The Magnitude of the Panama Scandal Grows With Each Day.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—Blondin, now clerk for the Credit Lyonnais, but formerly in the employ of the Panama Canal Company, was arrested yesterday by order of the examining magistrate upon the charge that he had distributed the funds of the canal company in a corrupt manner among the newspapers in consideration of their puffing the last issue of Panama Canal bonds.

Baibut, minister of public works in the cabinet of De Freycinet in 1886, was to-day brought before Franqueville, the examining magistrate, to confront Charles De Lesseps and Marius Fontane, the imprisoned directors of the Panama Canal. After an examination of two hours Baibut was ordered to prepare to appear before Franqueville again before January 10. Baibut's present position is enigmatical. He has been accused by Ferdinand Martin, the banker, who says he was employed by the Panama company to influence the deputies and of having received repeated payments from the company.

Armengaud, a civil engineer and former member of the city council, also made damaging charges against him. But Armengaud is open to the suspicion of animus, for Baibut broke up his family and married his divorced wife. Baibut's arrest is supposed to be the sequel to Blondin's. The prevailing opinion is that Floquet's re-election as president of the Chamber is uncertain.

Election Fight in Georgia.

ATLANTA, Jan. 5.—Elections of county officers were held throughout Georgia yesterday and in some cases party feeling between Democrats and Third party people ran high. Several small fights are reported with more less sensational details, but the most serious trouble was at Milnor's store near Fayetteville. At that place Webster Cox, Populist, was killed by W. S. Milnor. Both parties bore the reputation of being respectable citizens and being to families of prominence in the community.

Senator Kenna Better.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—It is said this morning at the residence of Senator Kenna, of West Virginia, that he passed a comfortable night and that his condition is pronounced much better than it was yesterday. Although the Senator has not regained the ground he lost when he relapsed of ten days, his physicians say he is steadily improving, and that it is in contemplation to take him to Bermuda as soon as his strength is such as to enable him to undertake the journey.

Augusta to Have a New Theater.

AUGUSTA, Jan. 5.—J. B. White, one of the leading merchants of Georgia, purchased to-day about a hundred feet front on Broad street, the property including that occupied by the Chronicle at the time of the big fire here. He will build one of the most elaborate and improved theaters in the South, following the best features of the Globe Theater, of Boston, and Royal Theater, of London.

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'92 HAS PASSED AWAY. '93 CONFRONTS US.

For us, "Let the dead bury their dead." We have to deal with the New Year. We want to enter the race without a handicap.

Therefore, we pause upon the threshold, before entering, to say that everything occupying a place in our stock, which it should have vacated some days since, will be at once forced down and out. No "shelf warmers" may long abide with us.

NOTE THESE.

Our object is to close them, hence the decisive cuts.

25 Ladies' Jackets in Black, Navy, Tan and Mixed Effects, as follows:

Jackets that were \$10 are now \$7.
" " " 8 " 5.50.
" " " 15 " 10.
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6 Ladies' Newmarkets in Tan, Gray, Navy and Black:

Newmarkets that were \$12 now \$9.
" " " 15 " 10.
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About 12 to 15 Children's Cloaks at some reduction.

Dress Goods in the latest French, Scotch and English effects, as follows: Dress novelties that were \$2 per yard, now \$1.50.

Dress novelties that were \$1.50 per yard, now \$1.20.

Dress novelties that were \$1.25 per yard, now \$1.

BLANKETS, UNDERWEAR, PORTIERES, CURTAINS,

WOOLEN HOSIERY, GLOVES, ETC.,

At Reduced Prices.

In our Fancy Goods Department we have some things in Stamped Linens, slightly soiled, that may be had very reasonably. See them.

HEIRONIMUS & BRUGH,
206 Commerce Street.

FEW WISHES FOR THE

NEW YEAR.

That you may have good luck.

That we may have good luck.

That you may soon realize that our groceries are the best.

That we may continue to give satisfaction.

That you may never have occasion to say that you received anything but polite attention, best quality and prompt delivery, of all orders.

And

That you will call and examine the stock we have laid in for the

NEW YEAR.

C. R. WERTZ,

205 CAMPBELL STREET.

'Phone No. 40.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

NOTICE, WATER CONSUMERS.—Water rentals for the quarter (January, February and March, 1893) are now due. Consumers are hereby notified to call at the office of the Roanoke Gas & Water Company, Room 204, Terry building, and pay same. Water may be cut off from all consumers who do not pay their bills on or before January 20th. An additional charge of 50 cents will be collected for turning on water.

J. C. RAWN, Manager and Engineer.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, MONDAY

night, January 9. Realistic Romance. America's Bernhardt.

LILLIAN LEWIS,

And her New York Company, in her greatest success, Laurence Marston's masterpiece, entitled "LADY LIL."

The Battlefield—The slaying of the faith curer—Hassan killed by Rajah, the Tiger—The Boudoir—The reflection in the mirror—The dressing room of the Amphitheatre—Green tights and the \$30,000 diamond garter—The arena of the Amphitheatre—The Woman—The Military The Equestrienne.

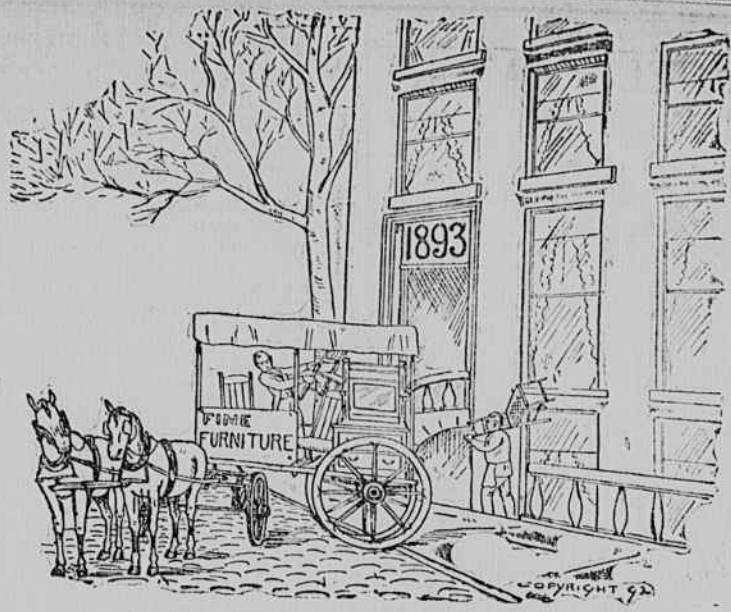
Miss Lewis has decided to present this strong attraction exactly as it was produced for six weeks by herself and company at the Standard Theater in New York, and will not raise the prices above \$50, 50c, 75c and \$1.

NOTICE—The advance sale begins Thursday at Thompson's bookstore.

Will Attend the Banquet.

T. W. Miller received an invitation yesterday to attend the grand banquet given by the Democrats of Richmond in the Masonic hall on Wednesday, January 25. The committees on arrangements, etc., are composed of the most prominent men in that city, and as there will be a large number of guests presents of a national reputation, a good time is anticipated. Mr. Miller announced his intention of going.

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COPPER & STONE,
10 SALEM AVENUE S. E.

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

The first of the year finds us with several lines of goods, all in season, but which we don't propose to carry over.

NEWMARKETS.

You know what the cold snap is. A nice, warm, well made Newmarket would be comfortable. If your husband bought an overcoat as good as one of our Newmarkets he would have to pay \$15 to \$18 for it. These Newmarkets were held at that. They are good material and well made. We are closing them out at \$5 to \$7.50. We mean what we say when we say that the cloth is worth that. But we don't want them left on our hands for next season. There are only ten left. Be quick.

JACKETS.

All-wool stockinet Jersey Jackets. Stylish and well made. There are a hundred ladies in Roanoke wearing these jackets, which cost them from \$10 to \$15. We are closing them out at \$5.50. We will stand by our goods. No one else can touch our figures. It is all in knowing when to buy and how to buy. There are only fifteen of them. They will not last till Saturday night.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

Odd and ends of holiday goods at cost. Lambrequins, table scarfs, a few silk throws, silk handkerchiefs and silk mufflers. We would rather let you have the benefit than carry them. Come and get your pick of the bargains.

The Brown Dry Goods Co.,
205 COMMERCE STREET.

H. G. BROWN, Manager.

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Has resumed business at

106 SALEM AVENUE,

Where his old friends will find a fine, new, up-to-date stock in the latest styles and patterns of

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Also a full line of

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SPECIAL TO THE LADIES.

I have arranged with the ladies of Roanoke to open a

Woman's Exchange Department.